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LETTER DATED 8 DECEMBER 1995 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHILE, THE CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, EGYPT, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE, HONDURAS, IRELAND, ITALY, JAPAN, MALAYSIA, THE NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NIGERIA, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, POLAND, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, SWEDEN, ROMANIA, TURKEY, UKRAINE, THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The improvement in the working methods and procedures of the Security Council is a matter of concern to both members and non-members of the Council, and it has been felt that transparency and increased consultations in matters relating to peace-keeping operations deserve particular attention in this context.

One year ago, the President of the Security Council issued a statement (S/PRST/1994/62) based on some of the ideas reflected in the letter (S/1994/1063), sent by Argentina and New Zealand and supported by a considerable number of Member States, related to the issue of consultations between members of the Security Council and troop-contributing countries.

This presidential statement initiated a mechanism to allow consultations among Security Council members, troop-contributing countries and the Secretariat. This mechanism was implemented during 1995.

In this current General Assembly, under agenda items 47, "Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters", 86, "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects" and 11, "Report of the Security Council to the General Assembly", many delegations have expressed their views on this subject.

While recognizing the usefulness of the above-mentioned mechanism, the general thrust of the interventions pointed to the need both to review the implementation of this decision of the Council and to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and representativity of these consultations, in the interest of creating the broadest possible support among Member States for peace-keeping operations mandated by the Council.

Presidential statement S/PRST/1994/62, adopted on 4 November 1994, referred to the need for keeping arrangements for consultations and exchange of information with troop contributors under review and expressed the Council's readiness to consider further measures to enhance arrangements in the light of experience.

For these reasons we request you to call a formal meeting of the Security Council to examine specifically the issue of consultations between the Security Council and the troop-contributing countries, in order to consider such further measures.

We would be grateful if you requested the Secretary-General to bring this letter to the attention of the Security Council and to circulate it as a document of the Security Council.

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Letter dated 11 December 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government and further to our earlier letters concerning repeated Israeli attacks on southern Lebanon and the western Bekaa, I have the honour to notify you of a series of Israeli attacks that occurred in the second half of November 1995.

16 November 1995

At 1030 hours, land belonging to Arabsalim, Jarju' and Ayn Bu Siwar came under Israeli artillery bombardment.

At 1300 hours, Ayn al-Tinah mountain came under Israeli artillery bombardment.

At 1630 hours, land belonging to Qa'qa'iyat al-Jisr and Kafr Dijjal came under Israeli artillery bombardment.

At 1800 hours, Ayn al-Tinah mountain came under Israeli artillery bombardment.

17 November 1995

Israeli aircraft overflew the Iqlim al-Tuffah region.

At 0800 hours, Maydun and Ayn al-Tinah hills came under Israeli artillery bombardment.

18 November 1995

Land belonging to Arabsalim, Jarju' and Bu Siwar came under Israeli artillery bombardment.

At 2015 hours, the southern hills of Ayn al-Tinah came under Israeli artillery fire.

19 November 1995

At 0530 hours, an Israeli military vessel seized a fishing boat with the following on board: Husayn Ibrahim Umays; Muhammad Hani Safi al-Din.

At 0930 hours, Israeli military aircraft overflew the Iqlim al-Tuffah region.

At 1530 hours, land belonging to Arabsalim, Jarju' and Ayn Bu Siwar came under Israeli artillery bombardment.

At 1630 hours, the southern hills of Ayn al-Tinah came under Israeli artillery bombardment.

20 November 1995

Israeli military aircraft overflew the areas of Nabatiyah and Iqlim al-Tuffah.

Land belonging to Tibnin, Haris, Kafra and Yatar came under Israeli artillery bombardment.

21 November 1995

Israeli forces, at sea off the coast of Tyre, seized a fishing boat with the following on board: Mahmud Ahmad Husayn; Husayn Na'im Ghanim; Hasan Na'im Ghanim.

Israeli forces bombarded land belonging to Zawtar al-Sharqiyah and Zawtar al-Gharbiyah, and the bombardment subsequently spread to land belonging to Qa'qa'iyat al-Jisr and Mazra'at Kafr Dijjal.

22 November 1995

At 1000 hours, Israeli forces bombarded land belonging to Bra'shit, Shaqra, Tibnin and Ayta al-Jabal.

At 1330 hours, Israeli forces bombarded Maydun hills and Tallat Abu Rashid.

At 1630 hours, Israeli forces bombarded land belonging to Arabsalim, Jarju' and Ayn Bu Siwar, which subsequently spread to the Mlita hills, Jabal Safi and the area around the banks of the Litani.

24 November 1995

The outlying areas of Marj Uyun came under artillery bombardment.

Land belonging to Ayta al-Jabal, Haddatha and Tibnin came under Israeli artillery bombardment.

25 November 1995

Land belonging to Tibnin, Bra'shit and Ayta al-Jabal came under Israeli artillery bombardment.

26 November 1995

At 0300 hours, land belonging to Zibqin, Hadiqin and Jabal al-Butm came under Israeli artillery bombardment.

At 0530 hours, the outlying areas of Kafr Tibnit, Zawtar al-Sharqiyah, Zawtar al-Gharbiyah, Mazra'at al-Hamra and the course of the Litani river came under Israeli artillery bombardment.

At 0800 hours, land belonging to Qabrikha, Tulin, Majdal Silm, Sawwanah, Khirbat Silm, Tibnin, Haddatha, Bra'shit and Mi a al-Jabal came under Israeli artillery bombardment, and Israeli helicopters combed the wadis running from Majdal Silm and Khirbat Silm.

At 1310 hours, Israeli military aircraft carried out three successive raids over land belonging to Jba', Ayn Bu Siwar, the Mlita hills and Jabal Safi.

27 November 1995

At 0500 hours, land belonging to Arabsalim, Jarju', the Mlita hills, Jabal Safi and the course of the Zahrani river in Iqlim al-Tuffah came under Israeli artillery bombardment.

At 0600 hours, the southern hills of Mashgharah and the outlying areas of Ayn al-Tinah came under Israeli artillery bombardment.

At 1600, Israeli forces bombarded land belonging to Kafr Tibnin, Zawtar al-Sharqiyah, Zawtar al-Gharbiyah and Yuhmur.

28 November 1995

At 0400 hours, an Israeli military boat seized a fishing boat of the coast of Adlun, with the following on board: Muhammad Abd Ramadan; Muhammad Ali Rabab.

At 0700 hours, Israeli forces bombarded the land of Khirbat Silm, Jumayjimah, Shaqra, Bra'shit, Kabrikha, Tulin, Majdal Silm and Tibnin.

At 0730 hours, land belonging to Nabatiyah al-Fawqa, Kafr Tibnin, Zawtar al-Sharqiyah and Zawtar al-Gharbiyah came under Israeli artillery bombardment.

At 0900 hours, Israeli military aircraft overflew the regions of Nabatiyah and Iqlim al-Tuffah.

At 1030 hours, an official of Hizbullah was killed when a booby-trapped car exploded in Jibshit.

At 1130 hours, Israeli forces bombarded land belonging to Zibqin, Majdal Zun, Mansuri, Gharbah, Qulaylah, Siddiqin, Jibal al-Butm and Ramadiyah.

Simultaneously, Israeli military aircraft overflew the area, and Israeli military boats were observed off the coast between Naqurah and Funduq al-Mu'nis.

At 1145 hours, Iraqi military aircraft overflew the Bint Jubayl region and dropped five rockets on Wadi al-Ayshiyah between Khirbat Silm and Majdal Silm. They returned at 1230 hours and dropped two rockets at the same place.

At 1230 hours, Nabatiyah and the eastern sector of Kafr Rumman came under Israeli artillery bombardment. Israeli helicopters carried out three successive raids over the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah.

29 November 1995

At 0830 hours, land belonging to Kafr Tibnin and Nabatiyah al-Fawqa and the area around the abandoned Lebanese Army barracks in Nabatiyah came under Israeli artillery bombardment. Israeli forces also bombarded land belonging to Khirbat Silm, Majdal Silm and Sawwanah.

At 1030 hours, land belonging to Arab Salim, Jarju', Ayn Bu Siwar, the Mlita hills and Jabal Safi came under Israeli artillery bombardment.

At 1515 hours, Israeli military aircraft carried out a raid over Jabal Ayn al-Tinah and then returned and carried out a second raid in the same place at 1600.

At 1600 hours, two shells were fired at the hills of Mazra'at al-Fahd.

30 November 1995

At 0630 hours, Bra'shit, Shaqra, Haddatha, Yatar, Kafra, Ayta al-Jabal and land belonging to Tibnin, Haris, Jumayjimah and Majdal Silm came under Israeli artillery bombardment, and private schools and shops were closed.

The Lebanese Government strongly condemns the continuation of the Israeli attacks that have caused enormous damage to property and strongly condemns the arbitrary practices against civilians. This new series of attacks comes in addition to earlier attacks and constitutes a blatant attack on the sovereignty and independence of Lebanon and a new and flagrant violation of international law and fundamental human rights.

I request you to have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 44, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Samir MOUBARAK
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